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Disposal of unserviceable articles in the Government Stationery Stores.

* 61 *Q.*—Sri P. R. K. SARMA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) how unserviceable articles are now disposed of in the Government Stationery Stores;

(*b*) how and by whom the articles are judged to be unserviceable;

(*c*) whether without notification or tender notice any articles have been disposed of since 1942 and if so, what they are?

(*d*) what the actual value and sale proceeds of the articles thus disposed of are; and

(*e*) why they have not been disposed of by regular tender?

The Hon. Sri T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIAR:—

"(*a*) Articles which are unfit for reissue and which cannot be economically repaired are condemned and set apart for auction.

"(*b*) Typewriters which are found to be beyond economical repairs are condemned by the Superintendent of Stationery. All other articles are condemned by the Assistant Superintendent.

"(*c*) & (*d*) Yes.

Name of articles.	Sale-proceeds. RS.	A.	P.
1942–43—			
Gunnies	1,830	6	9
Wooden splinters	27	0	0
Bits of hoop-iron	216	0	0
	2,073	6	9
1943–44—			
Gunnies	582	2	0
Bits of hoop iron	140	0	0
Bits of khaki mull sold to employees of stationery stores and office	22	6	0
Wooden splinters	16	0	0
	760	8	0
1944–45—			
Wooden splinters	7	0	0
Bits of khaki mull sold to the employees of stores and office	37	12	0
	44	12	0
1945–46—			
Wooden splinters sold to employees of stores and office	8	1	0
Bits of hoop-iron	170	10	0
	178	11	0

"(*e*) Articles such as gunnies, hoop-iron, wooden splinters and cloth-bits which would deteriorate by long storage were sold from time to time to the highest offerer. Under the orders of Government condemned typewriters will be sold in public auction by the Superintendent of Stationery shortly."

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